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1. Nothing is known about any wide reorganization of the SMV, or any Soviet orders to close certain sectors or to hold vehicles ready for immediate use. Regarding the reported instructions to the Muehlberg oil field to cease all work except the maintenance of producing wells, there have been no new drillings at Muehlberg for some time past and none are contemplated. The limitation of Muehlberg operations to the maintenance of producing wells is therefore considered a normal situation. It is expected that Muehlberg will continue to produce, at a decreasing rate, for 15 more years.
2. Construction work will begin in the next few days to double the Bockfliess tank farm, now consisting of six tanks, to 12 tanks, with a total capacity of 24,000 cubic meters. The SMV intends to use the Bockfliess tank farm for crude oil only. The oil from the Matzen fields will be stored in Bockfliess instead of Wifo-Lobau. The Bockfliess tank farm will be administratively subordinate to Wifo-Lobau.

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